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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Secretary of Defense (Intelligence)
Director, National Reconnaissance Office
Director, National Security Agency
Director, Defense Intelligence Agency
Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence
Agency
Chairman, GMAIC, CIA
Chairman, SIGINT Committee, CIA

SUBJECT : [REDACTED] Value Assessment

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1. At a meeting of the NRP ExCom Principals on Friday, 31 January 1975, the need for a special assessment related to the value of [REDACTED] was identified and the Intelligence Community Staff was designated to take the initiative for orchestrating this assessment. There are currently several studies under way by elements of the Intelligence Community which are addressing different aspects of the problem. To the degree possible, these studies should converge to provide a careful analysis of the factors relating to the fundamental decisions which are to be made regarding the [REDACTED] Program.

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2. I have directed the Intelligence Community Staff to identify these factors and to focalize and coordinate the on-going studies. Schedules should be set to allow adequate time for review and consideration of the results prior to the July meeting of the NRP ExCom.

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3. In view of the rather tight schedule for this effort, I have suggested that the IC Staff keep the elements of the Community with principal concern apprised of the approach and the status of this Community effort.

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4. I solicit your cooperation in supporting the Intelligence Community Staff in identifying on-going efforts and, where appropriate, adjusting objectives and schedules or establishing new efforts. [REDACTED]

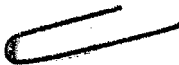
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[REDACTED] of the Intelligence Community Staff will be contacting you to discuss your participation in this Community effort.

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cc: Deputy to the DCI for the
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